

REMARKS

Claims 3, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 36-40, and 43-62 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 3, 18, 44, 45, and 58 are amended, claims 46 and 53 are canceled, and new claims 63-72 are presented. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the Examiner's indication that claims 21, 23, 40, 43, 46, 48-50, 52-57, and 59-61 recite allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly, as follows:

Claim	Nature of amendment
3	Includes limitations of claims 43 and 60 in the alternative.
18	Includes limitations of claims 21, 23, 40, and 61 in the alternative.
44	Includes limitation of former claim 58.
45	Includes limitation of former claim 46.
63 (new)	Re-presents former claim 55 in independent form.
68 (new)	Re-presents former claim 48 in independent form.

Claim Rejections: 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 3, 18, 20, 24, 36-39, 44, 45, 47, and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as reciting subject matter "clearly anticipated by Siccaprotect™."

Applicant asks the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection because each rejected independent claim has been amended to include limitation(s) of dependent claims that were indicated as allowable.

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